

## Fact Sheet

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## Labor Market Report Highlights August 2014

### Labor Force and Unemployment

- The August 2014 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.9 percent, unchanged from July and down from 5.5 percent one year ago.
- The August 2014 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.8 percent, down from 5.4 percent in July, and down from 5.7 percent one year ago.
- There were 9,953 initial claims for unemployment benefits in August 2014, down from 12,193 in July and down from 14,423 last year. There were 62,606 continued claims in August, down from 73,127 the previous month and down from 103,521 in August 2013.
- The four-week moving average of continued claims improved to levels not seen since 2008.

### Jobs Data

#### ***Seasonally Adjusted***

- Since January 2011, the state has added 58,000 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs.
- The state added 12,600 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs over the year, a 1.1 percent gain. Kansas gained 10,900 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs since August 2013, a 0.8 percent increase.
- Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs rose by 2,400 since last month, a 0.2 percent increase. Since July, the state gained 900 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, a 0.1 percent increase.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

#### ***Not Seasonally Adjusted***

- Kansas gained 16,100 private sector jobs since August 2013, a 1.4 percent increase. The state gained 15,600 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.1 percent increase.
- Kansas decreased by 1,700 private sector jobs since July, a 0.1 percent decrease. Over the month, Kansas lost 500 nonfarm jobs, with no significant percentage change.

#### ***Industry Breakdown***

- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
  - Professional and business services increased by 7,600 jobs, a 4.6 percent gain. Growth was primarily in administrative and support, waste management and remediation services.

- Education and health services gained 3,700 jobs, a 2 percent increase, with gains mostly in health care and social assistance.
- Construction added 2,400 jobs, a 4 percent gain, with growth throughout the sector.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the year job losses. These were in:
  - Manufacturing declined by 2,100 jobs, or 1.3 percent. All of the loss was in durable goods.
  - Leisure and hospitality decreased by 1,000 jobs, or 0.8 percent. The decline was in arts, entertainment and recreation.
  - Government lost 500 jobs, or 0.2 percent, with losses at the federal and state levels.
- Four of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month job gains. The largest gains were in:
  - Professional and business services grew by 2,700, a 1.6 percent increase. These gains were mainly in administrative and support, waste management and remediation services.
  - Government gained 1,200 jobs, or 0.5 percent, with additions at the state and local levels.
  - Mining and logging added 100 jobs, or 0.9 percent.
- Six of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month losses. These were highest in:
  - Trade, transportation and utilities declined 2,500 jobs, or 0.9 percent. Declines were mainly in wholesale trade.
  - Education and health services lost 900 jobs, a 0.5 percent decline, with losses mostly in health care and social assistance.
  - Construction decreased by 400 jobs, or 0.6 percent. Losses were in construction of buildings and specialty trade contractors.
- One industry, information, showed no change over the month.

## **Private Sector Earnings**

### ***Not Seasonally Adjusted***

- Private sector average weekly earnings increased by \$7.73 over the month and increased by \$29.81 since last year, to a total of \$765.35.
- Financial activities increased the most in earnings since last year. Average weekly earnings in financial activities increased by \$118.20 since August 2013, to a total of \$1,043.47.
- Construction also had a notable over the year increase, at \$79.80, to an average weekly wage of \$953.18.

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